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SUBJECT: ARAB/PLO INFORMATION CENTER'S "MIKE MILIWOY"

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1. HEAD MFA SPECIAL DESK ON MIDDLE EAST, PROHASKA, WAS ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF MILIWOY PROVIDED REFTEL. HE SAID GOA WAS TRYING TO FIND GROUNDS TO EXCLUDE MILIWOY FROM RETURNING TO AUSTRIA FROM MIDDLE EAST, WHERE HE IS BELIEVED NOW TO BE TRAVELING, OSTENSIBLY AS ASSOCIATE OF AUSTRIAN MANUFACTURER OF PREFAB BUILDINGS, MIKESCH. MIKESCH WAS INDUCED ON BASIS MILIWOY'S CLAIMS OF GOOD CONTACTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE MILIWOY WITH LETTER IN WHICH FIRM AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT PROJECTS THAT MILIWOY MIGHT ARRANGE. WITH LETTER IN HAND, MILIWOY APPARENTLY APPROACHED OTHER, RELATED FIRMS AND PREPARED SPECIAL LITERATURE IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS "ASSOCIATE" IN MIKESCH. ACCORDING TO PROHASKA, MIKESCH OFFICIALS RUE DAY THEY MET MILIWOY, AND OTHER AUSTRIAN FIRMS HAVE PROTESTED TO GOA THAT MILIWOY IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH
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BUSINESS OPERATION BEHIND FACADE OF SO-CALLED ARAB/POL INFORMATION CENTER. PROHASKA SAID MILIWOY

IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED AUSTRIA IN JANUARY,
INTENDING TO RETURN IN LATE FEBRUARY.

2. PROHASKA SAID THAT MILIWOY, AS SUGGESTED BY MFA,
HAD HAD LAWYER REQUEST INTERIOR MINISTRY AUTHORIZATION
TO ESTABLISH ARAB-AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATION (VEREIN) AS
NECESSARY STEP IN HIS EFFORT TO OPERATE ARAB/PLO INFORMATION
CENTER IN AUSTRIA; HOWEVER MFA SUGGESTION WAS MADE
UPON BASIS OF AGREEMENT WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR THAT
REQUEST IS TO BE DENIED. UNFORTUNATELY, PROHASKA SAID,
THERE IS YET NO FIRM LEGAL BASIS EITHER FOR PREVENTING
MILIWOY'S RETURN TO AUSTRIA OR FOR EXPELLING HIM IF HE
DOES.BUCHANAN

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